

1 A RESOLUTION honoring R. Henry Spalding as the longest-serving constitutional
2 officer in the history of the Commonwealth, serving more than 23 years as Railroad
3 Commissioner from October 1977 to December 2000.

4 WHEREAS, Henry Spalding, born in Marion County, graduated from high school
5 and attended Western Kentucky Station College before being called up for military
6 service from 1954 to 1956, during which he served overseas; and

7 WHEREAS, Henry Spalding was named a manager in the Revenue Cabinet by
8 Governor Bert Combs in 1960 and remained in the position under Governor Ned
9 Breathitt until 1968; and

10 WHEREAS, Henry Spalding built a successful insurance agency in Louisville that
11 he started in 1968 and that continues to this day to serve hundreds of families; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1977, Henry Spalding was named by Governor Julian Carroll to fill
13 a vacancy as the 2nd District Railroad Commissioner for the central part of Kentucky;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Henry Spalding was elected Railroad Commissioner in 1979 and re-
16 elected in 1983, 1987, 1991, 1995, and 1999; and

17 WHEREAS, Henry Spalding, while serving as Railroad Commissioner for over 23
18 years, worked to reduce railroad-related fatalities;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

20 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
21 *Kentucky:*

22 ➔Section 1. The Senate applauds R. Henry Spalding for his years of public
23 service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

24 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of R. Henry
25 Spalding.

26 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
27 Resolution to Senator Julian Carroll.